



ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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September 11, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You are receiving this letter because your child(ren) may be at risk of not being able to attend school unless **record of their vaccinations are on file in the school health office and up to date based on the Advisory Committee on Vaccination Practices (ACIP) schedule.**

See: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>

New York State Public Health Law requires a student to have certain vaccinations in order to attend school. A student who does not have the required vaccinations must be excluded from school until they have been received. Students who lived in New York State during the previous school year have 14 calendar days after the start of the school year to provide proof of the required vaccinations.

This year the deadline for exclusion from school is **Thursday, September 19, 2019.**

In accordance with New York State law, children must:

1. **receive all first doses, or overdue follow-up doses** if they already received prior doses in a series within 14 days of school attendance (September 18); and
2. **provide evidence of age appropriate appointments** for the next follow-up doses, aligning with the ACIP schedule, within 30 days of the first day of attendance (October 4).

See: https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2170/docs/vaccine_requirements_faq.pdf

As parents, we understand there is lots of information that can be confusing about vaccines. If you have any questions about your child's vaccinations, please contact your school nurse or the Tompkins County Health Department at (607) 274-6604.

If your child(ren) require vaccinations, please contact your health care provider to schedule an appointment. The Tompkins County Health Department also provides low cost vaccines for children who do not have insurance, children on Medicaid, and for children who have insurance that does not cover vaccinations. Call the health department at (607) 274-6616 to make an appointment.

Sincerely,

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